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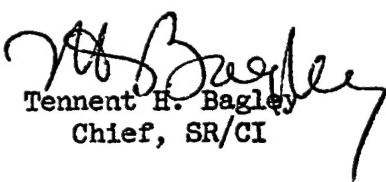
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Wife: Rosa Aleksandrovna, born 2 March 1932 Arkhamgel Oblast.

Daughter: Svetlana Valerievna born 1959, Moscow.

Wife and daughter accompanied Subject to Mexico.

Graduate of Foreign Language Institute and/or Institute of Foreign Affairs, Moscow.

From 30 June to 10 July 1959 was at the Electrotechnical Congress in Madrid; attended a conference in Madrid and Barcelona in 1958.

November 1959 to 6 January 1960 - Soviet Exposition in Mexico City.

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